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### Beach Replenishment Moves to Another Delaware Resort

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**REHOBOTH BEACH-** An \$18 million sand replenishment project that has been underway in Dewey Beach since February is now making its way to Rehoboth Beach.

Tony Pratt, a Delaware Shoreline and Waterway manager, said it is a project 15 years in the making to triple the size of beaches in Rehoboth Beach and Dewey Beach.



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"If that ocean has very little resistance to go through before it gets to the boardwalk, the roads, the hotels behind us, then there imperiled," Pratt said. "So it's the recreational and storm protection values that make it vital we do this project."

For some visitors, the project cannot end soon enough.

Kate Sheridan, who was lying out on the beach next to the project, said it was the sand that bothered her the most.

"I didn't like that big truck driving by with my baby daughter 20 feet way," Sheridan said. "It was blowing up all kinds of sand."

But Pratt said it will all be worth it in the end.

"We're making the best of it," he said. "We'd rather

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it not be here in May doing this work and into June but it is what it is. By Fourth of July when people come out here and there's a beach that's three times the width of this one, they're going to be darn happy we did it."

Pratt said it has been almost 10 years since any work like this has been done to Delaware beaches. Right now, Rehoboth Beach is only about 20 feet wide.

He said sand pumping in Rehoboth Beach was supposed to start Tuesday, but they are still waiting for more equipment to be brought up from Dewey Beach. Once things start, he expects it to wrap up in a month.



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